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SUBJECT UNITAS EXERCISE

REF: A STATE 211449, B SANTIAGO 6258 (BOTH NOTAL)

1. THIS EMBASSY'S POSITION IS THAT NO PREVIOUSLY
ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES OR ARRANGEMENTS UNLESS
SPECIFICALLY CANCELLED BY ARGENTINE OFFICIALS
SHOULD BE UNILATERALLY CHANGED OR CANCELLED BY
THE USG. THE DECISION TO CANCEL UNITAS WAS TAKEN
WHOLLY BY THE ARGENTINE NAVY. WE
DO NOT BELIEVE THE ARGENTINE CANCELLA-
TION OF JOINT NAVAL EXERCISES SHOULD ADVERSELY
AFFECT THE PROPOSED VISIT OF THE US NAVY BAND,
REFUELING AND PROVISIONING STOP OF US NAVY SHIPS
IN THE ARGENTINE PORT OF PUERTO BELGRANO AS PLANNED,
OR TRANSMITTING THE BEAGLE CHANNEL WITH CALLS AT
USHUAIA AND PUERTO WILLIAMS. MAKING THOSE CALLS,
WHICH WERE CLEARLY SCHEDULED AT THE BEHEST OF THE
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ARGENTINE NAVY, WILL HELP DEMONSTRATE THE NON-
RETALIATORY AND NON-POLITICAL NATURE OF THE UNITAS
PROGRAM. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE
ARGENTINE NAVY WILL BE OTHER THAN COOPERATIVE
WITH UNITAS AS REGARDS REFUELING AND PROVISIONING
ASSISTANCE AT PUERTO BELGRANO.

2. AS THE ARGENTINE CANCELLATION OF JOINT PARTICIPATION IS THE ONLY NEW VARIABLE IN THE SOUTHERN TIP PHASE OF THE EXERCISES, WE BELIEVE ANY CHANGE IN ROUTE SHOULD BE SUBJECT FIRST TO CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND ARGENTINE NAVY. FOR THE SAKE OF US NAVY FAMILIARIZATION OF THE BEAGLE AREA AND TO UNDERScore US HOPES FOR A PEACEFUL FRATERNAL SOLUTION TO THE BEAGLE DISPUTE, TRANSITTING THE BEAGLE MAY BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE US. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT--OR ELEMENTS OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OUTSIDE THE NAVY, FOR THAT MATTER--SHOULD BE BROUGHT IN AT THIS STAGE TO ADD TO THE DIFFICULTIES OF REACHING A DECISION ON THIS ISSUE.

3. USDAO LIMA: PLEASE PASS TO ADMIRAL LONG.
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